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| For:                 | METHOD AND SOFTWARE ARTICLE FOR SELECTING ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OF VENDORS IN AN AUTOMATED PAYMENT ENVIRONMENT | )<br>)<br>)<br>)     |
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## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

Applicant hereby respectfully requests continued examination of the above-referenced patent application, and provides this amendment as a submission and the payment of a fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the above-referenced application be amended as follows: